

CHRISTIAN BROUGHER.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 174.]

MARCH 5, 1840.

Mr. CARR, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Christian Brougher, praying a pension for military services in the revolutionary war, beg leave to report :

That the petitioner states that he was born in the year 1758, in Weisenberg township, Northampton county, Pennsylvania; that, in his twentieth year of age, whilst he was an apprentice to the tailor's trade, he was draughted as a militiaman to serve in said war; that he was attached to Captain Meyer's company, Colonel Brinich's regiment, under command of General Irvin; that they rendezvoused at Allentown, where they remained about three weeks; from thence they marched to Farmer's mills, near Germantown, and remained there until the term of two months had expired, when they were discharged, and returned home. This was in 1778. In 1779 he was again draughted for the same service, in Captain Stahler's company, Colonel Heaverer's regiment, and served another term of two months, and was again discharged. In 1780 he was again draughted in Captain Meyer's company, for the same service, but, being sick at the time, could not go with his company when they started; but in about a week after he followed and overtook them, and reported himself to Captain Meyer; and having exhibited a certificate from his physician, the captain ordered that his term should commence with the rest, and he received pay for the full term when they were discharged, at the end of two months. He states, further, that he never received a written discharge; that he now lives in Hartley township, Union county, Pennsylvania; is in needy circumstances, and asks a pension for the six months' service which he alleges he served.

The petitioner is recommended by several highly respectable gentlemen, who have long known him, to be a man of truth, and his statement entitled to credit; and that they believe he was a soldier in the revolutionary war, and served as he states.

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The reason that his last term of service is not set down at two months, evidently arises from the fact stated in the petition, that, in consequence of being sick, he did not go immediately with the company, but followed and overtook them about a week after.

Notwithstanding the War Department would not be justified in allowing any pension for a less period than the act of Congress specifies, yet the committee have in no case withheld the pension where the term of service lacked only a few days, more especially where that resulted from sickness. They therefore report a bill.

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